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C O N F I D E N T I A L STOCKHOLM 0202

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: SOPN, MILI, SW  
SUBJECT: SWEDISH REQUEST FOR INTERVIEW WITH USAF AIRCREW

REF: STOCKHOLM 0184 (DTG 141635Z)

1. REFTEL REPORTED REQUEST ON JANUARY 14 FROM THE SWEDISH BOARD OF CIVIL AVIATION TO INTERVIEW THE PILOT OF THE USAF AIRCRAFT INVOLVED IN THE JANUARY 5 INCIDENTS. REFTEL ALSO DESCRIBES EMBASSY CONTACT WITH LEIF LEIFLAND, CHIEF, POLITICAL DIVISION OF MFA EXPRESSING SURPRISE THAT SUCH A REQUEST WOULD COME FROM ANY GOS AGENCY OTHER THAN THE MFA.

2. LEIFLAND INFORMED ME THIS MORNING THAT EMBASSY SHOULD IGNORE BOARD'S REQUEST TO INTERVIEW THE PILOT. HE SAID FURTHER THAT IN THE FUTURE ALL USG-GOS COMMUNICATION ON THIS CASE SHOULD BE BETWEEN HIS OFFICE AND THE EMBASSY. I EXPRESSED APPRECIATION TO LEIFLAND FOR DIRECTING THE DIALOGUE REGARDING THIS SENSITIVE ISSUE  
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INTO WHAT I CONSIDER PROPER CHANNELS.

3. LEIFLAND EXPRESSED OPINION THAT THE CRASH ON JANUARY 15 OF A SWEDISH SKYLINE AIRWAYS VIKING VISCOUNT AT KALVESTA, IN WHICH 22 PASSENGERS AND CREW DIED, WOULD DEFUSE SOMEWHAT SWEDISH ATTENTION ON THE JANUARY 5 INCIDENTS INVOLVING US AND SOVIET AIRCRAFT. HE SAID THE

SAME OFFICIALS OF THE BOARD OF CIVIL AVIATION WHO HAVE BEEN LOOKING INTO THE US-SOVIET AIRCRAFT MATTER WOULD NOW BECOME ALMOST ENTIRELY PREOCCUPIED WITH ATTEMPTING TO DETERMINE THE CAUSE OF THE JANUARY 15 TRAGEDY. WHILE AGREEING THAT THIS MIGHT BE THE CASE, I EXPRESSED SOME DOUBT THAT THE CRASH WOULD REMOVE THE BOARD'S ATTENTION COMPLETELY FROM THE MATTER IN WHICH WE ARE DIRECTLY INVOLVED. I NOTED THAT FOREIGN MINISTER SODER IS STILL SCHEDULED TO PRESENT THE GOVERNMENT'S OFFICIAL POSITION ON THE JANUARY 5 INCIDENTS TO THE RIKSDAG ON JANUARY 19 AND THAT THOSE ELEMENTS IN SWEDISH POLITICAL LIFE, PARTICULARLY THE COMMUNISTS, THAT HOPE TO KEEP THE ISSUE OF USAF SURVEILLANCE FLIGHTS ON THE FRONT BURNERS, WOULD NOT BE DETERRED FOR LONG BY THE MISHAP OF JANUARY 15.

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